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2000 Fact Book Shows Surprising Jump in Expenditures

Olympia-Campaign finance expenditures for County Commission/Council elections increased by 80% since 1992 according to the 2000 Election Financing Fact Book compiled by the Public Disclosure Commission.

On average, expenditures for election to the State House of Representatives increased by 63% from an average expenditure of \$41,844 in 1992 to an average expenditure of \$68,095 in the 2000 election cycle. Legislative election expenditures increased by 21% since 1992, from 13,465,718 to 16,257,511, even though there were 40 fewer candidates running for legislative office in 2000.

A preview version of the 2000 Election Financing Fact Book can be found on the PDC home page at www.pdc.wa.gov. The final version of the Fact Book, which will include a listing of major contributors and a reverse directory (individuals or organizations reported as contributors by at least three different candidates with an aggregate contribution total of \$1,000 or more), will be available on January 14, 2001.

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